mainly consisting of irrecoverable loans from defaulters, as bad advance;

(b) if so, to what extent this "bad advance" has adversely affected the profitability of those banks;

(c) whether Government propose to ask those banks to declare the names of those defaluters;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps are being taken to recover the amount of loan in full from such defaluters?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The non-performing assets which comprise sub-standard assets, doubtful assets and loss assets of Public Sector Banks for the year ended 31.03.95 was Rs. 38385.18 crores representing 19.45% of total advances. Sub-standard assets and doubtful assets are not beyond recovery.

(b) Non-performing assets affect the profitability of banks since the funds locked up in such accounts are not immediately available for further deployment and since provisions have to be made as per norms in respect of non-performing advances.

(c) and (d) The existing secrecy laws do not permit such disclosure.

(e) Government and Reserve Bank of India have been impressing upon the banks the need to strengthen their Credit Appraisal Machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Banks have also been advised to set up Recovery Cells at their Head Offices. Branch wise target are fixed by the banks for recovery of Non-Performing Advances (NPA) and the performance of the branch in recovery is to be monitored at Head Office level on monthly basis by the Chief Executives. The Board of Directors is also kept informed about the progress in recovery of quarterly intervals. In the targets of recovery, reduction of NPAs are fixed by RBI for individual national banks after due deliberations with banks' top management. These are monitored by RBI through its periodical meetings with top management of banks.

Cases of Kala Azar in Different States

1580. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Kala Azar reported from different States in 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, so far;

(b) whether Government propose to provide proper treatment to those people suffering from Kala Azar; and

(c) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The number of cases of Kala Azar reported from different states during 1994, 1995 and 1996 (Upto May, 1996) are as under:

Name of the State	1994	1995	1996 (upto May)
Bihar	24391	21045	10208
West Bengal	1149	1552	677
Uttar Pradesh	57	15	NIL
Delhi	55*	NIL	NIL

(*) Imported from endemic areas

(b) and (c) The Govt. of India supply anti-Kala Azar drugs namely Solium Stibogluconate (SSG) and Pentamidine Isethionate to the States for treatment of patients suffering from Kala Azar.

During the current financial year (1996-97), 30,000 vials of SSG and 10,000 vials of Pentamidine Isethionate have been supplied to the State of Bihar so far. Besides, 6,000 vials of SSG have been supplied to West Bengal during the current financial year so far.

In addition, the State Govts. have been requested to undertake house to house search to detect Kala Azar cases and render complete treatment to the patients.

Report of Fifth Pay Commission

1581. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expects to receive the report of the Fifth Pay Commission in the first week of September of this year;

(b) whether Government propose to implement the report in January, 1997 in case it is received in September, 1996;

(c) whether Government propose to give another instalment of Interim Relief to its employees in case the report is not received by first week of September, 1996; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Pay Commission have informed that the final Report is likely to be submitted by the end of September, 1996.

(b) The recommendations of the Pay Commission, when received, will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

(c) and (d) The Government have requested the Pay Commission to consider whether another instalment of Interim Relief may be granted to the Central Government employees and give an interim report thereon. The recommendations of the Commission in this regard are awaited.

Providing the Budget of the Commission of Railway Safety under M/o Civil Aviation

1582. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget of the Commission of Railway Safety is provided under the Ministry of Civil Aviation;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the funds invariably are used by the Ministry of Railways and in that case what is the hitch in showing the amount under Railway Budget; and

(c) whether Government are considering any change in the Rules of Business in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Censorship of views expressed by the Leadership of the left parties

1583. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread newspaper reports about the alleged censorship by the DD authorities of the views expressed by the leadership of the left parties including that of Minister of Agriculture on 3rd July, 1996, in the wake of petroleum and diesel price hike;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that such a censorship had taken place;